

# News Release

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## **MOHS Sponsors Citizen Training**

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The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security hosts the 1st annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Olympics this Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12.

CERT is a program that helps educate citizens about hazards and trains them in lifesaving skills so that they are better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities.

The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all their own needs and then be able to respond to their communities' needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

The CERT Olympics is comprised of volunteer teams from across the state. The two-day session features classroom training and practical exercises. The teams will compete Sunday in events such as fire suppression, building search and clearing, and triage.